PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Nobuhiko FUSHIMI, et al.

Docket No: Q96479 Group Art Unit: 1623

Appln. No.: 10/591,421 Confirmation No.: 3051

Examiner: Michael C. Henry

Confirmation No.: 3051 Filed: September 1, 2006

For:

FUSED HETEROCYCLE DERIVATIVE, MEDICINAL COMPOSITION CONTAINING

THE SAME, AND MEDICINAL USE THEREOF

RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTIONS

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Responsive to the outstanding Election/Restrictions Requirement of June 24, 2009, five times extended to December 24, 2009 by an appropriate Petition for Extension of Time (five months) submitted herewith, please consider the following Response.

Applicants elect Group I, claims 1-18, 27-28 and 35. Election is without traverse.

In response to the species election requirement, Applicants elect the compound of Example 7 as the single species, this compound being included in claims 1-2, 4-5, 7-18 and 27-28.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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